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PLAYBACK PROGRAM, AND PLAYBACK  
METHOD

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which were found during the prosecution of a corresponding Japanese patent application:

US Patent No. 7,236,687  
US Patent No. 7,477,833  
US Publication No. 2003/0103604  
US Publication No. 2007/0286577  
Japanese Publication No. 2002-1590004 w/English Abstract  
Japanese Publication No. 11-41563 w/English Abstract

A copy of the foreign references and Form PTO-A820 are attached.

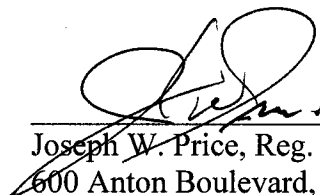
The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office

in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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